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## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

#### **(U) Bellflower – Two Individuals Detained After Bomb Threat to DMV**

(U) Authorities detained two people after a man entered the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in Bellflower claiming he had a bomb. The unknown man was in possession of a large box which he said contained an explosive device. After the building was evacuated, the Bomb Squad investigated the scene, authorities confirmed there were no explosives. A Roku streaming device was found inside the box.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [FOX11](#)

#### **(U) Los Angeles – Cyclist Arrested in Serial Knife Attacks of Pedestrians**

(U) On 3 April, police arrested Lenrey Briones, 19, for serial attacks against pedestrians with a knife in South Los Angeles. Police officials stated that the man wounded at least nine people in several attacks between 20 March and 1 April. Each victim sustained severe facial injuries. The suspect is believed to be homeless and investigators have not established a motive for the attacks.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [CBS](#)

### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

#### **(U) Arizona - CBP Officers Intercept Drug Smuggling Attempt**

(U) Lukeville – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) arrested three Los Angeles residents on Monday after seizing almost \$200,000 worth in methamphetamine and fentanyl. CBP officers referred the 19-year-old driver and two 18-year-old passengers for secondary inspection of their Ford Mustang as they attempted to enter the United States from Mexico. Officers seized more than 62 pounds of methamphetamine, worth nearly \$187,000, and .36 pounds of fentanyl, worth almost \$4,800, in the vehicle's rear quarter panels.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [CBP](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) Puerto Rico - Over \$500k Seized by CBP at the San Juan Seaport and Airport**

(U) San Juan – CBP Officers seized over \$500k in undeclared currency within two days at the Port of San Juan and the Luis Munoz Marin International Airport. During authorized luggage inspections on 30 March, CBP officers discovered a total of \$353,572 concealed within the rails of nine suitcases belonging to Rudi Alfonso Hernandez-Simon, 52, a citizen of the Dominican Republic. On Monday, CBP officers selected a Ford E-350 cargo vehicle onboard a ferry bound to Santo Domingo for further examination. CBP officers uncovered 13 packages of US currency concealed under the carpet totaling \$214,037. The driver, a legal permanent resident with citizenship from the Dominican Republic, declared being in possession of only \$4,000.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [CBP](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Washington – Half Billion Facebook User Records Exposed on Amazon Cloud Server**

(U) Seattle - More than 540 million records about Facebook users were publicly exposed on Amazon's cloud computing service, according to a cybersecurity research firm. Two third-party Facebook application developers were responsible for the major data breach, posting the records publicly on the internet. Cultura Colectiva, a Mexico-based media company, was responsible for the largest leak. It exposed 146 gigabytes of Facebook user data, including account names, IDs and details about comments and reactions to posts.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [CBS](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Israel - Malware Exposes Vulnerabilities in Medical Imaging Equipment**

(U) Beersheba – Researchers from the Ben-Gurion University Cyber Security Research Center developed malware to draw attention to serious security vulnerabilities in critical medical imaging equipment used for diagnosing conditions and the networks that transmit those images. The malware would enable attackers to add realistic, malignant-seeming growths to CT or MRI scans before radiologists and doctors could examine them. It would also allow them to obscure images of real cancerous nodules and lesions without detection, which could lead to misdiagnosis or a failure to treat patients who need critical and timely care.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [Washington Post](#)

**(U) New Zealand – Man Dead After Police Find Gun Stash in Christchurch**

(U) Christchurch – A 54-year-old man was stopped in a car by police after a raid of a property in the suburb of Saint Martin turned up a number of firearms. Following hours of negotiation, the man was found with stab wounds and died at the scene. New Zealand police are investigating whether the discovery of the stash of guns and the man's death has any links to the terrorist attacks in Christchurch on 15 March that claimed 50 lives.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [News](#)

**(U) Russia - Authorities Investigate Explosion at St. Petersburg Military Academy as Deliberate Attack**

(U) St. Petersburg – On 3 April, authorities reported that the explosion that occurred at Myzhaysky Military Space Academy on 2 April was a deliberate attack. Investigators stated that an explosive device was planted under a staircase leading to the academy's personnel department and was triggered by a cell phone, injuring four people. Authorities have not named any suspects in the attack.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [The Moscow Times](#)

**(U) Uganda - California Woman Kidnapped on Ugandan Safari**

(U) Kampala - Kimberley Sue Endecott, 35, of California and Ugandan driver Jean Paul were kidnapped during a safari game drive in Queen Elizabeth National Park on Tuesday evening. Four gunmen ambushed their vehicle and demanded a ransom of \$500,000. Police said the kidnapping appeared financially motivated, since the group quickly made a demand using Endecott's mobile. Multiple illegal groups including Somali Islamists and Congolese-based rebels sometimes operate in Uganda, but the kidnappers' identity is still unknown.

SOURCE: 3 April 2019, [Reuters](#)

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